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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS

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1. SUMMARY: ARAB AMBASSADOR IN SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH
AMB. LEONARD TOOK NOTE OF US VIEWS ON POSSIBLE SECURITY COUNCIL
MEETING ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. THEY MADE CLEAR THEIR
DESIRE TO AVOID OUTCOME OF SC MEETING TO WHICH THE US COULD
NOT AGREE OR WHICH COULD HAVE HARMFUL IMPACT ON THE GENEVA
PROCESS. SUGGESTION WAS PUT FORWARD INFORMALLY THAT ARABS
MIGHT PROPOSE AN SC MEETING WITH ONLY SPEAKER BEING CHAIRMAN
OF THE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE FOLLOWED BY COUNCIL'S
APPROVING A PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT TAKING NOTE OF
THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE AND REFERRING THE MATTER BACK TO THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY. US RESPONSE WAS THAT WE COULD GIVE NO EN-
COURAGEMENT TO SUCH A SCENARIO BUT THAT WE WOULD REPORT THIS SUG-
GESTION TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE. END SUMMARY.

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2. AMB. LEONARD MET WITH AMBS. NUSEIBEH (JORDAN), MEGUID
(EGYPT), AND SIMIR AL-SHAHIBI (ALTERNATIVE REP OF SAUDI
ARABIA) TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON
PALESTINIAN RIGHTS (STATE 247829). LEONARD DESCRIBED
OVERRIDING GOAL OF RECONVENING THE GENEVA CON-
FERENCE WHICH WHILE MOVING CLOSER TOWARD REALIZATION BY

THE END OF THIS YEAR CONTINUES IN A DELICATE STATE OF BALANCE. HE ELABORATED ON POTENTIAL HARMFUL EFFECT ON GENEVA PROCESS OF AN SC MEETING ON SUBJECT WHICH IS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO THE FORMULA TO BE AGREED UPON FOR THE PROCEDURE OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. EVEN STATEMENTS BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL COULD BE DISASTROUS, MUCH LESS THE POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF A DEBATE. LEONARD ADDED THAT THE US PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND THE US/USSR JOINT STATEMENT HAVE MADE CLEAR OUR POSITION ON PALESTINIAN LEGITIMATE RIGHTS, HOWEVER WE DO NOT FEEL A NEED TO MAKE STATEMENT AGAIN AND WOULD NOT HESITATE TO OPPOSE IN AN SC RESOLUTION.

3. NUSEIBEH NOTED THAT THE CHOICE ALMOST SEEMED BETWEEN A RECONVENED GENEVA CONFERENCE OR A SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE. LEONARD ASKED THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES THINK THROUGH WHERE THE VITAL ARAB INTERESTS LIE.

4. THE THREE ARAB AMBASSADORS SUGGESTED INFORMALLY THAT SINCE SC MEETING MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO TURN OFF, THE LEAST DAMAGING OUTCOME MIGHT BE FOR COUNCIL TO MEET IN SINGLE SESSION TO HEAR CHAIRMAN OF THE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE (FALL) PRESENT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE AND THEN CLOSE OFF FURTHER SPEECHES. SC WOULD AGREE TO A SHORT STATEMENT FOR THE PRESIDENT WHICH WOULD TAKE NOTE OF THE REPORT AND REFER THE ENTIRE MATTER
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BACK TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PER GA RES. 31/20.
LEONARD REPLIED THAT PROCEDURE AND OUTCOME OF SC MEETING IS ALWAYS DIFFICULT TO CONTROL AND CERTAINLY UNDERSIRABLE ON THIS SUBJECT MATTER AT THIS TIME. LOENARD ADDED AFTER THIRD INTERLOCUTOR RAISED SAME PROCEDURE THAT HE WOULD REPORT SUGGESTION TO DEPARTMENT.

5. MEGUID NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN WHICH AL-SHAHIBI CHAIRS WOULD MEET ON OCTOBER 18 AT 11:00 AM. APPOINTMENT WITH AMB. ALLAF (SYRIA) IS SCHEDULED FOR 10:45 AM. COMMITTEE OF SEVEN WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATION ON PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING CHAIRMAN FALL'S REQUEST FOR AN SC MEETING. THE THREE AMBASSADORS GAVE DUE WEIGHT TO RES. 31/20 WHICH, DESPITE THE ABSENCE OF TIME FRAME FOR A MEETING WHICH WE POINTED OUT, THEY FELT CALLS FOR AN SC MEETING QUITE SOO,. ALL WERE ALSO AWARE OF AMB. KIKHIA'S PREFERENCE NOT TO PRESIDE OVER PAL. RIGHTS DEBATE IN THE SC IN NOVEMBER WHEN IT IS LIBYA'S TURN AS PRESIDENT.

6. FURTHER AMB. MEGUID MENTIONED THAT SC PRESIDENT JAIPAL WAS MEETING AT THE SAME TIME WITH THE NON-ALIGNED

MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON THIS QUESTION. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH INDIAN MISOFF MULYE WE WERE TOLD NONALIGNED AGREED TO SECURITY COUNCIL'S PROCEEDING WITH SC MEETING, BUT THEY WOULD BE GUIDED BY THE DESIRES OF THE ARAB STATES AND THE PLO. MULYE SAID CONSENSUS OF NONALIGNED WAS CLEARLY FOR GOING AHEAD AND JAIPAL WILL LIKELY CALL FOR SC CONSULTATIONS FOR BOTH PALESTINIAN RIGHTS ISSUE AND UNEF AT 10:30 AM OCTOBER 20. SC MEETING ON UNEF WOULD STILL BE HELD MORNING OF OCTOBER 21.

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7. NUSEIBEH AND AL-SHAHIBI NOTED THAT THE FURTHER QUESTION OF A SEPARATE SC DEBATE TO CONFIRM PALESTINIAN RIGHTS WAS STILL ALIVE. AFTER LEONARD STATED US OPPOSITION IN CLEAREST TERMS, NUSEIBEH VOLUNTEERED THAT THE PLO WAS AGREEABLE TO WAITING UNTIL MID-NOVEMBER AND AL-SHAHIBI SAID THAT IT COULD BE POSTPONED FOR THE PRESENT.

8. COMMENT: WE FORESEE PRODUCT OF COMMITTEE OF SEVEN'S MEETING TO BE COMPROMISE PROPOSAL BASED ON WHAT AMB. MEGUID CHARACTERIZED AS DESIRE NOT TO CREATE PROBLEMS NOR TO EMBARRASS THE US. HE AND THE OTHERS NOTED CLEARLY THE IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING OUTCOME OF SC DEBATE WHICH US WOULD HAVE TO OPPOSE. SCENARIO ALONG LINES OF THAT IN PARA 4 MAY BE SUGGESTED TO JAIPAL

WHICH WILL PROBABLY NOT PROVE UNATTRACTIVE TO HIM. HE
WOULD ALSO TAKE POINT OF RESTRAINING ANTI-ISRAELI ELEMENTS
AS BEST AS POSSIBLE IN PRESENTATION BY CHAIRMAN FALL, IN
ORDER INTERALIA OF NOT PROVOKING ISRAEL TO SEEK TO EXER-
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CISE REPLY. STATEMENT BY SC PRESIDENT "TO TAKE
NOTE" OF THE REPORT WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO
THE US. TAKING NOTE OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE CHAIRMAN
WHILE REFERRING THE REPORT TO THE GA MIGHT MOVE CLOSER TO
MINIMALLY ACCEPTABLE WORDING FOR US. ALTERNATIVELY
SHOULD THIS SCENAIRO BE PRESENTED AT THE INFORMAL CONSUL-
TATIONS OF THE SC ON OCTOBER 20 WE MIGHT WISH TO MAKE
COUNTERPROPOSAL OF A LETTER FROM THE SC PRESIDENT TO
CHAIRMAN FALL AND TO THE GA PRESIDENT WHICH COULD TAKE
NOTE OF THE GA RES 31/20 STATE THAT THE SC MET IN CON-
SULTATIONS AND IN FORMAL SESSION TO HEAR PRESENTATION BY
THE CHAIRMAN, AND THAT SC IN TAKING NOTE OF RES 31/20
IS MINDFUL OF THE 31GA DEBATE ON THE PALESTINE QESTION
AND REFERS THE MATTER TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGAIN.
PROPOSAL OF A LETTER MAY NOT PICK UP MUCH SUPPORT IN THE SC
BUT IT COULD HELP IN THE BARGAINING PROCESS IN
DILUTING THE LANGUAGE OF AN SC PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT. WE
WOULD APPRECIATE VIEWS AND GUIDANCE ON THIS MATTER.
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